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2(Amended). Fibres according to claim 1, comprising fibres based on flax, hemp, sisal, jute or ramie fibres.

3(Twice Amended). Reinforcing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to Claim 1 and fibrillated aramid fibres.

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4(Twice Amended). Fibres according to Claim 3, comprising the weight fraction of the fibres is between 10% and 90%.

5(Twice Amended). Fibres according to Claim 3, comprising the weight fraction of the fibres is between 50% and 80%.

6(Twice Amended). Reinforcing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to Claim 1 and shives.

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7(Amended). Fibre according to claim 6, comprising the weight fraction of the shives is less than 10%.

8(Amended). Fibre according to claim 6, comprising the weight fraction of the shives is between 25 and 75%.

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10(Amended). Additive according to claim 9, comprising the weight fraction of the fibres is between 5 and 95% by weight.

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11(Twice Amended). Friction lining, comprising fibres according to Claim 1.

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12(Amended). Friction lining according to claim 11, comprising tin sulphide are present in an amount of 0.5 to 90% by weight, based on the total amount of the lubricating materials.

 13(Twice Amended). Gasket, comprising fibres according to Claim 1.

Please add the following new claims to the application.

17(New). Processing fibres based on vegetable fibres whose elementary fibres are fibrillated comprising elementary fibres having a fibril content greater than 3 area per cent and less than 50 area per cent.

 18(New). Processing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to claim 17 and fibrillated aramid fibres.

19(New). Processing fibres comprising a mixture of fibres according to claim 17 and shives.

20(New) Processing fibres according to claim 19, wherein the weight fraction of the shives is between 25 and 75%.